

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Objection

The Office Action objected the Abstract of the Disclosure due to the bracketed number present in the first line. Applicants have amended the Abstract to remove the bracketed number. The amended Abstract is attached hereto. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Ogawa, Thatcher, Merion or Davis. Applicants have cancelled claims 1-52 and therefore made the rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution for the application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (310) 788-3219.

Respectfully submitted,
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